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When Britain took its stand at the side of the weak against the powerful oppressor, new demands were made upon the Hospital and in divers ways it was called upon to help our dear Country in this hour of need. Every nerve was strained loyally to meet these demands, and the contribution which the Hospital has made and continues to make to the national effort must fill the hearts of Colchester and District with justifiable pride.

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OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT TIME-TABLE.

MEDICAL:

S. A. PROPERT, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.P.	Tuesday	9.30 a.m.
	Friday	9.30 a.m.
Diabetic Clinic:	Friday	10. 0 a.m.

SURGICAL (including Orthopaedic, Genito Urinary and Thoracic):

RONALD REID, M.S., F.R.C.S.	Monday	9.30 a.m.
	Thursday	9.30 a.m.
T. ALEXANDER OGILVIE, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.
	Saturday	9.30 a.m.

DERMATOLOGICAL:

ARTHUR PORTER, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P.	Thursday Except third Thursday in month.	2. 0 p.m.

PSYCHIATRIC:

A. G. DUNCAN, M.D., B.S., D.P.M.	Monday	2.30 p.m.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT:

H. ALEXANDER COWAN, F.R.C.S., D.L.O.	Tuesday	2.30 p.m.

GYNAECOLOGICAL:

R. SAUVAN SMITH, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.	Monday	11. 0 a.m.
	Thursday	11. 0 a.m.

OPHTHALMIC:

E. J. BALDWIN, B.M., B.Ch., D.O.M.S.	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.

PLASTIC:

RICHARD BATTLE, M.A., M.Chir., F.R.C.S.	First Saturday in month at 11 30 a.m.	

X-RAY, MASSAGE, Etc.:

J. ORD PENDER SMITH, M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R.E.	Monday	10.30 a.m.
	Thursday	10.30 a.m.
	Saturday	10.30 a.m.

DENTAL:

R. A. SLADE, L.D.S., D.D.S.	Wednesday	11. 0 a.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES:

R. H. BOYD, M.B., F.R.C.S.	Friday:	Females and Children	2.45 to 4 p.m.
		Males	4 to 4.30 p.m.
J. G. MADDEN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Monday:	Males	6 to 8 p.m.
	Wednesday:	Females and Children	4 to 5 p.m.
		Males	5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

When the Clinics are held at 9.30 a.m., Borough Cases should attend at that hour, and County Cases should arrive not later than 10.30 a.m.

ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL

COLCHESTER

The Annual Board of Governors will be held in the Out-patient Waiting Hall, on Friday, 30th July, 1943.

The President, Mr. S. A. Courtauld, D.L., J.P., (supported by the Rt. Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, and others), will take the chair at 7 p.m.

26th July, 1943.

Please note date of Annual Board Meeting

DOCTORS' LETTERS. Patients, other than casualties and cases of emergency, who are insured under the National Health Insurance Act or are members of the Contributory Scheme, are not seen unless they bring a letter from their General Medical Practitioner. It is advisable for ALL patients coming to the Hospital to bring such letters.

ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES. Accidents and emergencies are received at any time. Practitioners are asked when possible kindly to telephone the House Physician or House Surgeon to ascertain whether a bed be vacant.

PRIVATE PATIENTS' DEPARTMENT. There is a well-equipped Private Patients' Department containing twelve beds in single rooms of adequate size. Patients may be admitted under any member of the Honorary Staff of the Hospital, and fees are arranged between the patient and the physician, surgeon, or specialist in charge of the case. The Hospital's maintenance charges are as follows: Maternity cases £7 7s. 0d. per week, Other cases £6 6s. 0d. per week. Visitors are allowed at any reasonable time.

PATIENTS' VISITORS. Visitors are allowed in the general wards to see their friends on:

Sundays Wednesdays Saturdays	From **3** to **4** p.m.

Patients on the danger list may be visited at any time. Two visitors only are permitted to each patient at one time.

Visitors are strictly forbidden to bring food or liquor into the Hospital without permission of the ward sister.

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS. There are four house officers: one house physician, one house surgeon and two assistant house surgeons and casualty officers.

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ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL,

COLCHESTER.

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Report of the Committee of Management

For the Year ended 31st December, 1942.

The Chairman and Members of the Committee of Management, in the interests of war-time economy, present to the Governors and Subscribers an abridged report for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

As a result of permission granted to reduce the number of vacant beds to be held available for war casualties, more work was done for In-patients; the average daily number of occupied beds being 210 compared with 174 in the previous year. Owing to the fact that the average stay of each In-patient was increased by 4½ days, the number of admissions fell by 18 to 3,108. There was little variation in the work of the Out-patient Department, there being a small increase in the number of new Out-patients and a decrease in the total number of attendances. The number of examinations in the Pathological Department leapt from 4,850 to 6,841.

It will be realised that an Institution so well-staffed, well-equipped, and of such a high scientific standard as the Essex County Hospital, must, especially in time of war, do far more than care for the sick and injured members of the contiguous population, and the Committee would assure the Governors that they have every reason to be proud of the Hospital's continued contributions to the National effort.

Total income, as a result of reduced proceeds from legacies, fell by £5,584 to £51,184, while total expenditure increased by £1,687 to £47,537. Therefore, there was a balance of income over expenditure of £3,646 which was used further to reduce the Hospital's debt which, at the end of the year amounted to £17,712, and while so substantial a figure must be considered serious, its gravity is not comparable with the position at the end of 1938 when the debt and bank overdraft together totalled £55,464. It is with much pleasure that your Committee are able to state that the debt on Wards Nos. 6 and 7 Block has been liquidated, and at the close of the year under review there was a small balance in hand of £108 towards the next stage of the re-building scheme.

The Worker's Fund and Contributory Scheme revenue increased by £935 to £15,755, and warmest thanks are hereby tendered to Mr. F. W. Firman, Chairman; to Mr. C. A. Newnum, Honorary Secretary;

to Mr. C. E. Child, Honorary Assistant Secretary; to all the Members of the Worker's Executive; to Worker's Representatives, and to Honorary Local Collectors.

The In-patient statistical tables reveal the rather remarkable fact that despite increased expenditure and the higher cost of labour and materials, the average cost of each In-patient per week has fallen from £3 18s. 10¼d. to £3 9s. 8¼d. This surprising figure may be explained by the growth of activities as shown in the increased number of occupied beds and consequently larger total of daily occupied bed counts. On the other hand owing to there having been little fluctuation in the work of the Out-patient Department, the average cost of each Out-patient attendance increased from 1/11 to 2/2¼. If proof be required of your Committee's vigilant control of expenditure, it may be found in the fact that these figures have been kept within such reasonable limits.

The Annual Board of Governors was held on Friday, 31st July, at 7 p.m., when the President, Mr. S. A. Courtauld, D.L., J.P., occupied the Chair and was supported by the Rt. Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester, Ald. P. A. Sanders, O.B.E., D.L., J.P., C.A., the Lord Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev. C. H. Ridsdale, M.A., the High Steward of Colchester, Ald. Sir Gurney Benham, J.P., F.S.A., Lt.-Col. Charles J. Round, D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Committee, Ald. A. Owen Ward, J.P., and others. There were about 48 Governors and Subscribers present. On this occasion, Mr. F. A. Pope, J.P., President of Colchester and East Essex Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd., presented on behalf of his Society a cheque for £200 to Mr. Courtauld for the purpose of the purchase of an Endothermy Unit for use in the main operation theatre, and sincere gratitude was expressed for this gift.

It is with profound regret that your Committee must report the death of two Members. The late Mr. G. W. Doe, who passed away in April, had served as a Member since 1910. He also served upon the Finance and General Purposes Committee; the Worker's Executive, and up to the time of his last illness had regularly inspected fire appliances and conducted fire drills. The late Mr. Alfred Crowther, was closely associated with "Sportsmen's Million Pennies Fund Bed," and had been a Member of the Committee since 1932. Another sad loss was sustained by the passing of the late Mr. C. J. Wilkin, J.P., who was a generous benefactor and who had been a Patron since 1924.

Once again the Bishop of Colchester has shown an unfailing interest in the welfare of the Hospital. At his suggestion a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Out-patient Waiting Hall on Sunday, 20th September, at 3 p.m., when, including the choir of St. Mary's Church, no less thsn 160 crowded into the tastefully decorated Hall filling it to capacity. The Chaplain, the Rev. Canon G. A. Campbell, M.A., officiated at a shortened form of Evensong, and the

Bishop preached a most helpful sermon. Earlier in the year the Bishop kindly consented to present the books in lieu of medals, prizes and diplomas at the annual nurses prize-giving; a gesture which was much appreciated by the nurses and all concerned.

Your Committee, therefore, as an expression of gratitude and mark of respect extended to the Bishop an invitation to become a Vice-President of the Hospital. This invitation was accepted, and the Hospital now has the advantage of His Lordship's counsels as a Member of the Committee of Management.

The resignation of Mr. B. H. Kent, J.P., from the Finance and General Purposes Committee was received and accepted with great regret. Mr. C. J. Aldis was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Kent, in place of the late Mr. Doe, kindly undertook, together with Mr. J. Chase, to serve as Representatives of the Committee on Colchester and District Worker's Executive.

The Financial Organiser and Organiser of the Contributory Scheme, Mr. C. W. Longley, B.Sc., submitted in April his resignation on the grounds of continued ill health. This was accepted with regret.

There were a number of changes on the resident medical staff, Dr. C. E. Jamison, house surgeon, resigned and his place was taken by Dr. R. G. Sykes who, having completed his six months' term of office resigned, and was replaced by Dr. J. W. Salt. Dr. E. Rosenthal, house surgeon resigned and Dr. H. M. J. Rowan was appointed to fill the vacancy. Dr. Thomas Dean, house physician, resigned and Dr. J. G. U. O. Alexander who was appointed in his stead was called to the Forces three months later, so that a further vacancy occurred which was filled by Dr. D. J. Conway. Messrs. J. B. Blacklay, Bernard Mushin, and Terence Steen served as student house officers during the year.

Mr. C. F. Barwell, M.B., B.Ch., who had charge of the designated pathological laboratory for two years, was transferred by the Ministry of Health to another Hospital. His place was taken by Mr. H. Lowenthal, M.D., Ph.D.

Miss M. A. Brand, chief dispenser, and Miss S. P. Palmer, assistant dispenser, submited their resignations, on the grounds of ill-health, in November. These resignations were accepted with regret, and Mr. Cyril Monahan was appointed chief dispenser, and Miss B. Ainger, assistant dispenser.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee announce that two beds and two cots were endowed during the year: "Ada Madelaine Clayton" Bed; "Ethel and Robert Hoyle Craske" Bed; " 'C' Group Wardens" Cot, and "Employees of Woods of Colchester, Ltd." Cot. The beds and cots were dedicated by the Hospital Chaplain.

It is a tribute to the Hospital's high standard that the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England agreed to recognize the Institution, without limitation of period, under Fellowship regulations in respect of the posts of (a) senior house surgeon, and (b) first assistant house surgeon and casualty officer. Further the Examining Board in England of the Royal College of Physicians and Royal College of Surgeons agreed to recognize the Hospital for post graduate studies for the Diploma in larynology and otology. Two candidates who pursued their studies at the Hospital have already been successful in securing the Diploma.

Your Committee cannot give in detail the many improvements carried out or started during the year under review, but the policy of providing the best possible centre of healing with the funds available has been faithfully pursued. Perhaps the most important decision was completely to re-equip the X-Ray diagnostic room so that the sick and injured might have the full advantages of the latest discoveries in radiological science. Mention must also be made of the fact that that No. 2 operation theatre, hitherto capable of use only for minor and certain branches of special surgery, is now staffed and equipped also for major general surgery.

In this brief report it is obviously an impossibility to thank all those whose gifts and labours have caused the Hospital's magnificent work both for Country and sufferers to prosper. Nevertheless an attempt must be made to mention a few of those to whom warmest gratitude is extended: Miss Louisa Jones, whose ingenuity enabled her to raise £966 16s. 3d. for her "For England and Our Hospital" Appeal; Mr. George Rose for yet another gift, this time a saloon motor car; Mr. H. Seaborn for his numerous endeavours to promote the Hospital's interests; the League of Mercy and its Representatives, especially Mrs. James Paxman for her great help in this and so many other directions; Essex County County Council for help afforded on many occasions; War Organisations of American, British and Canadian Red Cross Societies, and American "Bundles for Britain" per Dr. Penry Rowland for valuable gifts; all Subscribers and Donors and Organisers of entertaimnents; "War Savings Weeks" Committees for donations from expenses' funds; the Clergy and Ministers of Religion; the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff; the Honorary Solicitors; the Press; the Auditors; the Matron and Nursing Staff, and all those employees of the Hospital who faithfully discharged their duties.

It is not always realized that besides the very arduous duties attached to the office of House Governor and Secretary, Mr. E. R. Hanchet undertakes many others including those of attending to the requirements of the Ministry of Health under the emergency hospital

scheme; secretaryship of Medical Board; general appeals and propaganda; supervision of administration of contributory schemes; and senior air raid warden and officer in charge of Hospital A.R.P. party and fire brigade. In these difficult days when he is the only male member of administrative staff left, a very deep debt of gratitude is owed to him for all his work and for the smooth running of the Hospital.

The existence of a first-class Hospital is always a great comfort to those residing in the area which it serves, because in time of accident or illness highly specialised services are available at the discretion of the general medical practitioner, but in time of war the existence of such an institution is a veritable tower of strength. Therefore your Committee despite the many calls upon both your generosity and time without hesitation make an earnest appeal for redoubled efforts and sacrifices for the maintenance and development of this truly essential service.

C. Ward.

Chairman.

5th July, 1943.

ACCOUNTS, BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Dr.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
ORDINARY.					
I. Voluntary Gifts.					
1. Subscriptions, Donations, Etc.:—					
Annual Subscriptions			2753 9 10		
Donations			2707 19 8		
Box Collections			77 1 1		
Entertainments—Whist Drives		188 4 1			
Sunday Cinema		514 7 0			
			702 11 1		
Gifts in Kind			2561 7 0		
Hospital Sunday Fund			560 0 6		
Contributions from Contributory Fund		7550 1 8			
Contributions from Workers' Fund		8205 0 0			
		15755 1 8			
Less: Expenditure—					
Contributory Fund ...	296 11 8				
Workers' Fund ...	46 14 0				
Payments to other Institutions ...	1192 1 10				
		1535 7 6			
			14219 14 2		
				23582 3 4	
2. Central Funds:—					
League of Mercy			120 0 0		
Alexandra Rose Day			516 18 8		
				636 18 8	
					24219 2 0
II. Receipts on Account of Services Rendered.					
1. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients:—					
(*a*) From Patients and their Societies—					
Patients			5833 17 1		
Hospital Contributory Associations ...			1775 9 3		
Crittalls			90 13 2		
Approved Societies			6 6 0		
Other Sources—H.S.A.			1208 19 0		
			8915 4 6		
(*b*) From Public Authorities			477 17 0		
				9393 1 6	
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme:					
Contributions towards cost of Casualty Service				14433 11 0	
Contributions towards cost of increases in Nursing Salaries				506 4 2	
2. Fees:—					
Nurses' and Probationers' Fees				— — —	
Other Fees				— — —	
3. Other Receipts				206 5 5	
					24539 2 1
Carried Forward					48758 4 1

or the Year ended 31st December, 1942.

Cr.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ORDINARY		
I. Provisions		8050 9 1
II. Surgery and Dispensary.		
1. Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc. ...	3136 12 2	
2. Dressings, Bandages, etc.	1427 15 1	
3. Instruments and Appliances	5012 5 5	
4. Wines and Spirits	26 2 1	
5. Salaries and Wages of Dispensing Staff ...	431 3 9	
6. Sundries	180 7 1	
		10214 5 7
III. Domestic.		
1. Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc.	1957 8 5	
2. Laundry	2218 6 0	
3. Cleaning and Chandlery	259 15 1	
4. Water	148 6 10	
5. Fuel and Lighting	4394 18 8	
6. Uniforms	281 10 6	
7. Sundries	192 15 4	
		9453 0 10
IV. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance).		
1. Medical	520 4 2	
2. Nursing	8001 11 6	
3. Other Officers and Employees	5707 6 1	
4. Pensions	51 0 0	
		14280 1 9
V. Miscellaneous.		
1. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc....	1022 6 7	
2. Advertisements	16 12 3	
3. Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc. ...	245 18 1	
4. Garden	18 11	
5. Sundries	176 8 9	
		1462 4 7
Carried Forward		43460 1 10

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Dr.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				48758	4	1
III. Invested Property.						
Interest, Dividends, Etc.	1461	12	2			
Rents	105	0	0			
				1566	12	2
Ordinary Income				50324	16	3

EXTRAORDINARY.

1. Legacies.

The Exors. of the late	Mrs. K. Lazell	...	...	317	18	9		
Do.	Mr. Thomas Mason	...	...	250	0	0		
Do.	Miss Harriet Porter	...	...	200	0	0		
Do.	Mr. H. B. Dickinson	...	...	81	11	3		
Do.	Mr. George Comer	...	...	10	6	5		
							859	16	5
Total Income							51184	12	8
Balance, being Excess of Total Expenditure over Total Income for the Year							—	—	—
							£51184	12	8

for the Year ended 31st December, 1942.

Cr.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward		43460 1 10
VI. Administration.		
1. Salaries	802 12 3	
2. Pensions	300 0 0	
3. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.	217 10 3	
4. Advertisements	— — —	
5. Law Charges	— — —	
6. Audit and Accountancy Fees	53 15 7	
7. Sundries	18 11 0	
		1392 9 1
VII. Establishment.		
Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant ...		728 0 10
A.R.P. Expenditure		110 4 5
VIII. Finance.		
1. Interest	— — —	
2. Appeals	130 0 5	
3. Rent	26 0 0	
4. Rates and Taxes	355 7 11	
		511 8 4
Ordinary Expenditure		46202 4 6
EXTRAORDINARY.		
1. Net Expenditure on behalf of the Ministry of Health		1335 14 0
Total Expenditure		47537 18 6
Balance, being Excess of Total Income over Total Expenditure for the Year		3646 14 2
		£51184 12 8

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers of the Hospital and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

17th June, 1943.
8, West Stockwell Street, Colchester.

BENSUSAN-BUTT, EVES & Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

WORKERS' FUND CASH ACCOUNT

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1942	1335	6	2
,, Receipts as per Workers' Fund Cash Book ...	8205	0	0
	£9540	6	2

CONTRIBUTORY FUND CASH ACCOUNT

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1942	1434	12	8
,, Sums collected from Contributors and Banked ...	7400	17	2
,, Boxted Bed Contributions	69	4	6
,, Crittall's Hospital Fund Contributions	80	0	0
	£8984	14	4

CHAPLAIN'S FUND CASH ACCOUNT

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Cash—Interest for year on £2143 17s. 3d. New Zealand Government 3% Stock, 1952-55	64	6	2
	£64	6	2

NEW WARDS FUND ACCOUNT

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Total Amount received to 31st December, 1941 ...	17558	11	10
,, Contributions received during year	258	7	7
	£17816	19	5

SAMARITAN FUND CASH ACCOUNT

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1942 ...				4	18	1
,, Hospital Box—Contributions during year ...	15	3	11			
,, Interest on £79 1s. 1d. Local Loans 3% Stock	2	7	5			
				17	11	4
				£22	9	5

We have examined the above Accounts with the Books and Vouchers
17th June, 1943.
8, West Stockwell Street, Colchester.

for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Cr.
By Transfers to General Fund:—		
30th June	4286 5 2	
31st December	3861 7 1	
		8147 12 3
,, Newnum—Honorarium		20 0 0
,, Printing and Stationery, etc.		26 14 0
,, Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1942 ...		1345 19 11
		£9540 6 2

for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

		Cr.
By Transfer to General Fund	6801 18 1	
,, ,, ,, ,, Boxted Bed ...	69 4 6	
,, ,, ,, ,, Crittall's Hospital Fund	80 0 0	
		6951 2 7
,, Salaries		199 14 0
,, Printing, Stationery, Postages, Travelling Expenses, etc.		96 17 8
,, Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1942 ...		1737 0 1
		£8984 14 4

for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

		Cr.
	£ s. d.	
By Cash—Revd. Canon G. A. Campbell		64 6 2
		£64 6 2

for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

		Cr.
	£ s. d.	
By Total Expenditure on New Wards		17708 19 2
,, Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1942		108 0 3
		£17816 19 5

for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

		Cr.
	£ s. d.	
By Purchase of Appliance for Patient		7 6
,, Balance at Bank, 31st December, 1942		22 1 11
		£22 9 5

relating thereto, and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

BENSUSAN-BUTT, EVES & Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL,

BALANCE SHEET,

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Samaritan Fund—			
Balance as at 1st January, 1942 ...		80 12 0	
Add Contributions and Interest received during year, less Cost of Patient's Appliance ...	17 3 10		
,, Gift of 155 National Saving Certificates	116 5 0		
,, Increase in Market Value of Investment as at this date ...	1 3 8		
		134 12 6	
			215 4 6
,, Chaplain's Fund—			
Balance as at 1st January, 1942		1950 18 3	
Add: Increase in Market Value of Investment as at this date		42 17 7	
			1993 15 10
,, Specific Purposes Capital Fund—			
Value of Special Funds as at 1st January, 1942		24023 10 2	
Add: Invested during year for:—			
Ethel and Robert Hoyle Craske Bed ...		1005 0 0	
Ada Madeleine Clayton Bed		1000 0 0	
Employees of Woods of Colchester Ltd., Cot		500 0 0	
'C' Group Wardens Cot		500 0 0	
Society of North Countrymen Bed Fund		132 2 2	
Employees of Woods of Colchester Ltd., Bed Fund		34 11 5	
J. Mannix Robins, F.R.C.S., Bed Fund		10 0 0	
,, Cash Received during year and awaiting investment for:—			
Employees of Woods of Colchester Ltd., Bed Fund		41 4 8	
J. Mannix Robins, F.R.C.S. Bed Fund		10 0 0	
,, Increase in Market Value of Investments as at this date		194 2 0	
			27450 10 5
Total Funds for Specific Purposes ...			29659 10 9
,, New Wards Fund—			
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per account herewith			108 0 3
,, General Purposes Fund—			
Balance as at 1st January, 1942		47729 5 4	
Add: Increase in Market Value of Investments as at this date		2483 14 0	
		50212 19 4	
Less: Transfer to Specific Purposes Capital Fund *re* Ada Madeleine Clayton Bed		94 11 8	
			50118 7 8
,, Amounts Owing by the Hospital To:—			
Sundry Creditors			7237 5 6
Note—The following property is not included on the Balance Sheet:— The site, buildings, furniture, equipment and appliances of the Hospital.			
			£87123 4 2

We have examined the above Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1942, and certify that in our opinion it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Hospital's financial position, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books.

17th June, 1943.
8, West Stockwell Street, Colchester.

BENSUSAN-BUTT, EVES & Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

COLCHESTER.

31st December, 1942.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
						Cr.
By Samaritan Fund—						
Cash at Bank	22	1	11			
Investments at Market Value as per schedule on page 25	193	2	7			
				215	4	6
,, Chaplain's Fund—						
Investment at Market Value as per Schedule on page 25				1993	15	10
,, Specific Purposes Capital Fund—						
Investments at Market Value as per Schedule on pages 25 and 26	27399	5	9			
Cash at Bank—Legacy Account	51	4	8			
				27450	10	5
Assets representing Funds for Specific Purposes				29659	10	9
,, New Wards Fund—						
Cash at Bank				108	0	3
,, General Purposes Fund—	£	s.	d.			
Cash in Hand and at Bank—						
General Fund: Cash in Hand	54	17	10			
Cash at Bank	8826	15	1			
Workers' Fund: Cash in Hands of Collectors, since received ...	1358	8	11			
Contributory Fund do.	1750	18	10			
				11991	0	8
Stock of Surgical Stores, Crockery and Groceries taken and valued by the Hospital Officials as at this date	2099	17	9			
Investments at Market Value as per Schedule on pages 24 and 25	25390	15	4			
				39481	13	9
,, Income and Expenditure Account—						
Balance as at 1st January, 1942	21359	12	9			
Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 31st December, 1942, as per Income and Expenditure Account herewith	3646	14	2			
				17712	18	7
,, Amounts Due to the Hospital—						
Amount deposited with Marshall, Son & Bulgin *re* Legacy due from Estate of Geo. Comer, decd.	101	8	8			
Rates in advance	59	12	2			
				161	0	10
				£87123	4	2

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Investments held as at 31st December, 1942.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.	*Nominal Value.* £ s. d.	*Mean Price.*	*Market Value, 31st Dec., 1942.* £ s. d.	*Value per Balance Sheet.* £ s. d.
Commonwealth of Australia 4 per cent. Registered Stock, 1943-48	1200 0 0	101	1212 0 0	
East India Railway Company, Annuity Class "D" ...	40 1 0	23¼	931 3 3	
War Loan, 3½ per cent. ...	141 17 11	105	148 19 9	
Funding Stock, 4 per cent., 1960-90	178 14 3	113¾	203 5 9	
Newcastle-on-Tyne 5 per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1947-57 "B" A/c.	1202 4 5	107	1286 7 6	
Royal Burnham Yacht Club, Ltd., 3 Debentures of £10 each	30 0 0		Not quoted.	
L.M.S. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock ...	1483 0 0	107	1586 16 2	
L.N.E. Railway 3 per cent. Debenture Stock ...	1641 0 0	83	1362 0 7	
L.N.E. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock ...	146 0 0	106	154 15 2	
Southern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock ...	131 0 0	112	146 14 5	
Commonwealth of Australia 5 per cent. Registered Stock, 1945-75	1033 8 10	101½	1048 18 10	
Victorian Government 5 per cent Inscribed Stock, 1945-75	666 13 4	101½	676 13 4	
Commonwealth of Australia 3¾ per cent. Registered Stock, 1948-53	997 8 2	100	997 8 2	
Commonwealth of Australia 4 per cent Registered Stock, 1955-70	2244 3 9	103	2311 10 3	
Central Electricity Board 3½ per cent. Stock, 1963-93 ...	2267 0 0	102	2312 6 10	
Brazilian 5 per cent. Funding Bearer Bonds, 1898 ...	140 0 0	75	105 0 0	
Antofagasta, Chili and Bolivia Railway 5 per cent Debenture Stock	27 0 0	119	32 2 7	
Argentine Great Western Railway Ordinary Stock ...	250 0 0	6	15 0 0	
Buenos Ayres Western Railway Ordinary Stock ...	213 0 0	12⅞	27 8 6	
Central Argentine Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock	183 0 0	8½	15 11 1	
San Paulo (Brazilian) Railway Co., Ltd. Ordinary Stock ...	169 0 0	58	98 0 5	
Paterson, Laing & Bruce, Ltd. 29 6% Cum. Pref. Shares ...	29 0 0	15/-	21 15 0	
29 6% Non Cum. Part Pref. Shares	29 0 0	12/6	18 2 6	

	Nominal Value. £ s. d.	Mean Price.	Market Value 31st Dec., 1942. £ s. d.	Value per Balance Sheet. £ s. d.
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND—continued.				
Rio Claro Investment Trust, Ltd., 5 per cent. Cum. Preference Stock ...	99 0 0	102½	101 9 6	
W. H. Dorman & Co., Ltd., 5 per cent. Bearer Notes ...	100 0 0		Not quoted.	
Rio de Janeiro Tramways, Light and Power, Ltd., 5 per cent. 50-year Mortgage Bonds (Bearer)	100 0 0	102½	102 10 0	
W. H. Dorman & Co. Ltd., 50 Ordinary Shares of 2/- each	5 0 0	3/9	9 7 6	
Consolidated Tea and Lands Co., Ltd., 3 Ordinary Shares of £10 each ...	30 0 0	£17/15/0	53 5 0	
Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd., 7% 2nd Pref. Stock	300 0 0	32/3	483 15 0	
Local Loans 3% Stock ...	45 14 1	97¼	44 8 11	
Courtaulds Ltd. Ordinary Stock	3600 0 0	45/-	8100 0 0	
3% Defence Bonds ...	165 0 0	Par	165 0 0	
National Savings Certificates (Seventh Issue) ...	171 units	Cost	128 5 0	
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	700 0 0	101¼	708 15 0	
3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	739 10 10	100½	743 4 9	
2½% National War Bonds 1949-51	38 15 7	99⅞	38 14 7	
				25390 15 4
CHAPLAIN'S FUND.				
New Zealand 3 per cent. Stock, 1952-55	2143 17 3	93	1993 15 10	
				1993 15 10
SAMARITAN FUND.				
Local Loans 3% Stock ...	79 1 1	97¼	76 17 7	
National Savings Certificates (Seventh Issue) ...	155 units	Cost	116 5 0	
				193 2 7
SPECIFIC PURPOSES CAPITAL FUND.				
"W. W. HEWITT" FUND.				
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	13483 9 5	101¼	13652 0 3	
India 3½ per cent. Stock ...	1743 9 10	99⅞	1741 6 3	
Funding Stock 4 per cent., 1960-90	571 5 9	113¾	649 16 8	
"M. BAYARD BROWN" BED.				
Newcastle-on-Tyne 5 per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1947-57 "A" A/c. ...	999 5 6	107	1069 4 6	
"Mrs. CRESSWELL-ROOKE" FUND.				
3½ per cent War Loan "B" A/c.	100 0 0	105	105 0 0	
"JAMES HINES" COT.				
India 3½ per cent. Stock ...	509 10 1	99⅞	508 17 4	

	Nominal Value. £ s. d.	Mean Price.	Market Value 31st Dec., 1942. £ s. d.	Value per Balance Sheet. £ s. d.
SPECIFIC PURPOSES CAPITAL FUND—continued.				
"SPORTSMEN'S MILLION PENNIES FUND" BED.				
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	1792 9 11	101¼	1814 18 0	
"J. H. KEENE" BED.				
India 3½ per cent Stock ...	1019 0 2	99⅞	1017 14 8	
"Dr. GEORGE YOUNG" COT.				
India 3½ per cent Stock ...	514 1 9	99⅞	513 8 11	
"Dr. SYDNEY W. CURL" BED FUND.				
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	538 14 2	101¼	545 8 10	
"IRENE BORN" BED.				
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock	1514 11 2	97¼	1472 18 2	
"J. MANNIX ROBINS, F.R.C.S." BED FUND.				
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock	125 5 4	97¼	121 16 5	
"ERNEST EDGAR JOYCE" BED.				
L.M.S. Railway 4 per cent Debenture Stock ...	935 0 0	107	1000 9 0	
" 'C' GROUP WARDENS" COT.				
3% Defence Bonds ...	500 0 0	Par	500 0 0	
"ETHEL AND ROBERT HOYLE CRASKE" BED.				
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	1005 0 0	101¼	1017 11 3	
"ADA MADELEINE CLAYTON" BED.				
2½% National War Bonds 1949-51	1000 0 0	99⅞	998 15 0	
"EMPLOYEES OF WOODS OF COLCHESTER, LTD." COT.				
3% Savings Bonds 1955-65	95 0 0	101¼	96 3 9	
2½% National War Bonds 1949-51	25 1 11	99⅞	25 1 3	
3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	379 18 1	100½	381 16 1	
"EMPLOYEES OF WOODS OF COLCHESTER, LTD." BED FUND.				
3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	34 11 5	100½	34 14 10	
"SOCIETY OF NORTH COUNTRYMEN" BED FUND.				
2½% National War Bonds 1949-51	86 2 6	99⅞	86 0 4	
3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	45 19 8	100½	46 4 3	
				£27399 5 9

ENDOWED BEDS AND COTS.

"THE SPORTSMEN'S MILLION PENNIES FUND" BED	Ward 2.
THE "J. H. KEENE" BED	Ward 3.
THE "M. BAYARD BROWN" BED	Ward 4.
THE "JAMES HINES" COT	Ward 5.
THE "DR. GEORGE YOUNG" COT	Ward 5.
THE "IRENE BORN" BED	Ward 6.
THE "ERNEST EDGAR JOYCE" BED	Ward 1.
THE "'C' GROUP WARDENS" COT	Ward 5.
THE "ETHEL AND ROBERT HOYLE CRASKE" BED	Ward 1.
THE "ADA MADELEINE CLAYTON" BED ...	Ward 1.
THE "EMPLOYEES OF WOODS OF COLCHESTER LTD." COT	Ward 5.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATISTICS FOR YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1942, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

(a) Number of Beds and In-Patients.

	Numbers in 1942.	Numbers in 1941.
1. Beds:		
(a) Complement at Dec. 31st	269	269
(b) Average daily complement during the period ...	269	269
(c) Average daily number closed during the period owing to :		
(i) Re-building or Extension	—	—
(ii) Repairs, Cleaning, etc.	—	—
(iii) Other causes	—	—
(d) Average daily number open during the period ...	269	269
(e) Average daily number occupied during the period	210.3	173.6
2. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at beginning of the period	197	200
3. Number of In-Patients admitted during the period ...	3,108	3,126
4. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at the end of period	205	197
5. Average number of days each Patient was resident ... (Ascertained by dividing the yearly total of daily counts. viz. 76,757, by the number of Patients treated to a conclusion, i.e. (2) + (3) – (4).	24.8	20.3
6. Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the period who were resident for :		
(i) Only 1 day	111	136
(ii) 2 and 3 days	189	156

(b) Annual Expenditure on In-Patients apart from that on Out-Patients; Average Cost of each In-Patient per week; and Average Cost of each In-Patient.

	1942.			1941.		
	Expenditure on In-Patients (£'s only).	Average cost of each In-Patient per week.	Average Total Cost of each In-Patient.	Average cost of each In-Patient per week.	Average Total Cost of each In-Patient.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials) ...	7,646	0 14 0	2 9 7¼	0 19 4	2 15 5½
2. Surgery and Dispensary	6,100	0 11 1	1 19 3	0 10 10	1 11 2
3. Domestic	8,837	0 16 0½	2 16 10	0 16 7½	2 7 8
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	12,037	1 1 10½	3 17 6	1 3 0½	3 6 0
5. Miscellaneous ...	1,211	0 2 2¼	0 7 9	0 1 11	0 5 5
6. Administration ...	1,213	0 2 3¾	0 8 3	0 2 6	0 7 2½
STATISTICAL COST ...	37,044	3 7 6	11 19 2¼	3 14 3	10 12 11
7. Establishment: Renewals and Repairs	730	0 1 3¾	0 4 7¾	0 3 4¼	0 9 0
8. Finance	464	0 0 10½	0 3 1	0 1 3	0 3 6
TOTAL COST £	38,238	3 9 8¼	12 6 11	3 18 10¼	11 5 5

STATISTICAL TABLES—*continued.*

STATISTICS FOR YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1942, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

II.—OUT-PATIENTS.

(a) Numbers.

	Numbers in 1942.	Numbers in 1941.
1. Total number of new Out-Patients	10,841	10,703
2. Total number of Out-Patient Attendances	72,479	73,879
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year	875	843
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	3,597	3,333
(c) Number of Maternity Patients included in No. 1 above, attended at home ...	—	—
(d) Number of Attendances on Maternity Patients included in No. 2 above ...	—	—

(b) Annual Expenditure on Out-Patients and Average Cost of each Out-Patient Attendance and of each Out-Patient.

	1942.			1941.	
	Expenditure, Out-Patients. (Pounds only).	Average cost of each Out-Patient Attendance.	Average Total cost of each Out-Patient.	Average cost of each Out-Patient Attendance.	Average Total cost of each Out-Patient.
	£	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials) ...	405	1½	9¾	1½	9½
2. Surgery and Dispensary	4,114	13½	91	11	76¾
3. Domestic	616	2	13½	1¾	13¼
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	2,243	7½	50	6¾	46½
5. Miscellaneous ...	251	¾	5½	½	3¾
6. Administration ...	180	½	4	½	3¾
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
STATISTICAL COST ...	7,809	2 1¾	14 5¾	1 10	12 9½
7. Establishment: Renewals and Repairs	108	⅜	2¼	¾	4¼
8. Finance	47	⅛	1	¼	2¼
TOTAL COST	£7,964	2 2¼	14 9	1 11	13 4

Report of Operations Performed during 1942.

There follows an epitome of the Surgical Operations performed during the year 1942, the corresponding figures for 1941 being inserted for the purpose of comparison.

The total shown is 3,895 compared with 3,947 in 1941.

	1941.	1942.
Main Theatre	2,616	2,618
No. 2 Theatre	1,331	1,277
Ophthalmic Operations	110	116
Abdominal Operations	413	550
General Operations	451	541
Gynaecological Operations ...	258	341
Orthopaedic Operations	637	376
Genito-Urinary Operations ...	384	487
Ear, Nose and Throat Operations ...	473	323
Tonsillectomy	196	310
Minor Operations	1,025	851
Total	3,947	3,895

OPHTHALMIC OPERATIONS.

Correction of Squint	12
Diathermy to Detached Retina	3
Ectropion	1
Eneucleation of Eye	6
Excision of Lacrymal Duct ...	2
Excision of Sebaceous Cyst of Eyelid	3
E.U.A.	2
Extraction of Lens	25
Evisceration of Eye	4
Iridectomy	12
Iridotomy	3
Iridenclesis	1
Needling	24
Removal of Sutures	1
Probing of Lacrymal Duct ...	4
Sclerectomy	1
Suturing Conjunctiva ...	2
Suturing of Eyelid	3
Trephine	7
Total	116

ABDOMINAL OPERATIONS.

Appendicectomy	188
Biliary Fistula Drained ...	1
Biopsy of Abdominal Cyst ...	1
Caecostomy	11
Colectomy	1
Colostomy	27
Cholecystectomy	37
Choledodenostomy	1
Choledochotomy	2
Cystectomy	1
De Vims Gastric Exclusion ...	1
Drainage of Abdominal Cavity	4
Division of Adhesions ...	4
End to End Anastomosis ...	5
Excision of Rectum	7
Gastro-enterostomy	7
Gastrectomy	5
Gastrostomy	4
Hydrocele	8
Herniotomy	100
Ileostomy	2
Intussusceptions Reduced ...	6
Lithotomy	1
Laparotomy	81
Nephro-Lithotomy	5
Nephrotomy	6
Nephrostomy	6
Nephrectomy	7
Paul Mikulicz Operation ...	2
Ramstedt's Operation	7
Resection of Colon	1
Repair of Perforated Ulcer ...	11
Total	550

GENERAL OPERATIONS.

Anal Polypi Removed	1
Adenoma of Breast	2
Aspiration of Chest	3
Aspiration of Knee	1
Aspiration of Pelvic Cavity ...	1
Burns Treated	17
Bursa Excised	6
Biopsy of Breast	4
Biopsy of Gland	1
Biopsy of Knee	1
Biopsy of Ulcer	1
Biopsy of Tumour	3
Cartilage Graft to Eyelid ...	1
Cleft Palates Repaired ...	4
Curettage of Sinus	3
Cysts Removed	14
Diathermy to Naevus	16
Diathermy to Tongue	1
Diathermy to Warts	13
Dissection of Glands	9
Dupuztrens Contracture ...	3
Excision of Cartilage	2
,, Carbuncle	3
,, Epithelioma ...	11
,, Ganglion	3
,, Joint	1
,, Granulations ...	1
,, Lunate	1
,, Meningocele ...	5
,, Needle	1
,, Warts	2
,, Patella	1
,, Rodent Ulcer ...	8
,, Tumour	2
,, Fibro Sarcoma ...	2
,, Wound Edges ...	7
,, Hammer Toe ...	1
Extraction of Teeth	4
Explorations	5
Fissure in Ano	8
Foreign Bodies Removed ...	2
Haemorrhoidectomy	36
Halstead's Mastectomy ...	9
Hare Lip	4
Incision of Abscesses	80
Injection of Lumbar Region ...	2
Injection of Piles	2
Injection of Prolapsed Rectum	2
Injection of Varicose Veins ...	3
Ligation of Vessels	2
Mastectomy	11
Phrenic Avulsion	3
Pinch Graft	3
Reconstruction of Mouth ...	1
Redressing of Wounds ...	26
Removal of Drain	3
Resection of Rib	13
Sigmoidoscopy	40
Septic Finger	12
Septic Hand	4
Suturing of Tongue	1
Suturing of Wounds	6
Scalenectomy	1
Sub Phrenic Abscess	3
Stretching of Sphincter ...	1
Tendon Sutures	15
Thiersch Graft	14
Thyroidectomy	19
Trendelenburg's Operation ...	44
Wolfe Graft	6
Total	541

GYNAECOLOGICAL OPERATIONS.

Amniotic Injections	2
Bimanual Removal of Placenta	1
Caesarian Section	8
Caruncle Excised	8
Cervical Polypi Removed ...	1
Colpo-perineorrhaphy	30
Diathermy to Caruncles ...	3
Diathermy to Cervix	10
Dilatation and Currettage ...	107
Dilatation of Vagina	1
Episiotomy Scar Excised ...	1
Evacuation of Uterus	10
Examination under Anaesthetic	35
Excision of Cervix	2
Excision of Hymen	1
Excision of Vulva	1
Forceps Delivery	1
Hysterectomy	49
Hysterotomy	1
Injection of Broad Ligament ...	1
Introitus Enlarged	1
Membranes Ruptured ...	2
Myomectomy	1
Oophorrectomy	8
Ovariotomy	4
Perineorrhaphy	5
Pessary Inserted	2
Perineal Abscess	2
Radium to Cervix	15
Ruptured Ectopics	1
Salpingectomy	5
Sterilizations	10
Suturing of Perineum ...	4
Surgical Induction	2
Termination of Pregnancy ...	6
Vaginal Hysterectomy ...	3
Vaginal Smears	2
Vaginal Tumour	1
Ventro-Suspension	4
Total	341

ORTHOPAEDIC OPERATIONS.

Amputation of Arm	1
,, Finger ...	5
,, Hand	2
,, Leg	6
,, Thumb ...	3
,, Toes	1
Arthrodesis of Toe	2
,, Foot	1
Bilateral Trephining	1
Biopsy of Bone	1
,, Knee	1
Bone Graft	5
Compound Fractures	5
Decompression of Skull ...	1
Drilling of Femur	1
Excision of Bone	1
,, Chorrdroma ...	1
,, Exostosis of Metatarsal	1
,, Hammer Toe ...	4
,, Head of Radius ...	1
,, Joint	2
,, Patella	1
Guttering of Bone	2
Hallux Valgus	4
Insertion of Pin	18
Ischio Femoral Fusion ...	2
Manipulations	20
Menisectomy	6
Manipulation of Hip	4
,, Finger ...	1
,, Shoulder ...	4
Olecranon Sutured	1
Open Reduction	4
Os Calcis Pin	18
Osteoma of Tibia	1
Osteotomy	2
Plasters	125
Plaster Spica	33
,, Jacket	6
Plating Bone	1
Readjustment of Pin	1
Reduction of Fractures ...	39
Removal of Pin	9
,, Smith Peterson Pin	1
Sequestrectomy	4
Smith Peterson Pin	3
Talipes Corrected	12
Trephine of Skull	1
Winnett Orr Plaster	7
Total	376

GENITO-URINARY OPERATIONS.

Bladder Washouts	4
Catheterization	8
Circumcision	15
Cyst of Epidydimis	1
Cystoscopy	242
Cystectomy	1
Diathermy to Bladder	48
Dilatation of Bladder	16
Excision of Diverticulum ...	2
Excision of Testicle	1
Hydrocele Repaired	8
Incision of Scrotum	1
Orchidectomy	4
Prostatectomy, Harris	6
Prostatectomy, Supra Pubic ...	14
Sounds Passed	47
Resection of Bladder	2
Spermatocele	1
Supra Pubic Cystotomy ...	21
Supra Pubic Lithotomy ...	1
Thorek's Operation	4
Transurethral Prostatectomy ...	30
Uretectomy	1
Varicocle Repaired	3
Vasectomy	6
Total	487

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS.

Adenoidectomy	25
Aural Polypi	3
Antrostomy	6
Antrum Washouts	11
Bronchoscopy	6
Cartilage Graft to Nose ...	1
Caldwell Luc	16
Coins Removed from Oesophagus	2
Excision of Growth from Pharynx	1
Ethmoidectomy	10
Jansen Horgan Operation ...	1
Killians Operation	2
Ligation of Vessels	2
Laryngoscopy	2
Mastoidectomy	16
Myringotomy	2
Nasal Polypi	16
Nose Excised	2
Nasal Packs Removed ...	2
Oesophagoscopy	7
Proof Puncture	2
Suturing of Mastoid Wounds ...	1
Sub-Mucous-Resection of Septum	31
Suturing of Ear	1
Tonsillectomy	146
Turbinectomy	8
Trachiotomy	1
Total	323

COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT WORKERS' COMMITTEE.

Thirty-Second Annual Report

Year ending 31st December, 1942.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NAME.	REPRESENTING.
Mr. F. W. FIRMIN, *Chairman.*	
Mr. H. SEABORN, *Vice-Chairman.*	Mr. H. Seaborn.
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Mr. W. T. WEBSTER ...	Messrs. Hollington Bros., Ltd.
Mr. J. CHASE ...	Hospital Committee.
Mr. B. H. KENT, J.P. ...	Hospital Committee.
Mr. C. A. NEWNUM, *Hon. Sec.*, 152, Butt Road, Colchester.	Messrs. Wiles & Son, Ltd.
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If you are willing to continue your present subscription for the next seven years (or shorter period in the event of death), and complete a simple Deed of Covenant, the Hospital will be able to recover from the Inland Revenue Department the amount of Income Tax you will already have paid in respect of your subscription.

So long as the standard rate of Income Tax remains at 10/- in the £, an Annual Subscription of £1 will be increased to £2 0s. 0d., £1 1s. 0d. to £2 2s. 0d. and similarly £5 5s. 0d. to £10 10s. 0d.

If you are assessable to Surtax your adoption of this scheme will actually be of advantage to yourself. As a subscriber of say £5 5s. 0d., you will be entitled to deduct £10 10s. 0d. from the total income shown in your Surtax return.

The House Governor and Secretary will gladly supply further details or prepare a Deed for your signature.

FORM OF DEED OF COVENANT.

I,..... of .....hereby covenant with the Treasurer of the Essex County Hospital that for a period of seven years from the date hereof, or during my life (whichever shall be the shorter period), I will pay to the Treasurer of the said Hospital on the.....day of ..... in every year such sum as will after the deduction of income tax leave in the hands of the Hospital a net sum of.....pounds .....shillings and.....pence, such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income.

*In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this .....day of.....*19.....

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in the presence of:

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Signature .....

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Colchester and District Workers' Committee.

TO EMPLOYERS

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Are YOUR Workpeople contributing weekly?

PAYING 3d. WEEKLY provides Hospital Treatment (such as is avaiable at the Essex County Hospital or in certain circumstances at other hospitals for contributor, wife, children (under fourteen or if at school sixteen) and all other dependants; or single persons and their dependants ;

Or 2d. WEEKLY for single persons.

NON-CONTRIBUTORS ARE CHARGED :

In-Patients	- -	£1 10s. 0d. a week.
Out-Patients	- -	1/- each attendance.
Special Treatments	-	According to scale.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TOWN OFFICE, 2, LION WALK, COLCHESTER.

Hospital Workers' Committee

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Thirty-second Annual Report of the Worker's Hospital Committee is presented by its Executive Committee this year with exceptional pleasure: it is the record of a very successful result—the reaching of the target of £8,000 put before it last year. The amount actually raised in Colchester and District during 1942 was £8,204 10s. 0d., and after deducting £46 14s. 0d. for expenses the Hospital received the sum of **£8,157 16s. 0d.**, as against £7,903 12s. 10d. in 1941, (an increase of £254 3s. 2d.) The dislocation of business caused by the war and the transfer of so many workers (both men and women) into the Forces and to work of national importance has created a drop in the amounts sent in from the majority of establishments, but this has been made up by the larger sums received from munitions works, and from several new centres, some of which are only temporary. but none the less very welcome additions to the honourable company of contributors. In addition to this, the Lion Walk office, which continues to go from strength to strength under the able control of Miss L. Jones, increased its contribution of £2,121 3s. 10d. in 1941 to £2,297 16s. 6d. in 1942, an advance of £176 12s. 8d. Considering all things it is felt to be a most encouraging result, and the Executive Committee desire to offer their sincere thanks to everyone concerned in raising this very substantial sum.

It should be pointed out that so far, no raising of the weekly contribution has been asked for. Notwithstanding the largely increased cost of running the Hospital, the contribution still stands at 3d. per week for married persons (to cover the contributor, his wife, and all children of school age for free Hospital treatment), and 2d. per week for single persons (to cover themselves only). This treatment is such as is available at the Essex County Hospital or under certain conditions at other Institutions, but it does not cover treatment in senile and incurable cases. Such as these are not considered to be Hospital cases, and have to be looked after at other Institutions controlled by the Local Government Authorities. It is the Medical Practitioners who decide which cases come in this category, and it should be noted that the Hospital cannot accept financial responsibility for their treatment.

During the year the death occurred of Mr. Geo. W. Doe. He had been a very prominent worker for the Worker's Hospital Committee since it was started thirty-two years ago, firstly as a representative of Messrs. Davey, Paxman & Co. Ltd., and afterwards as the Hospital Committee's representative on the Worker's Executive Committee. He was one of the stalwarts, and in his day had rendered valuable service to the cause he had so much at heart. Notwithstanding his great age he retained his interest in and continued his work for the Committee nearly to the end, and he will be greatly missed by his colleagues. His widow has the sincere sympathy of the Worker's Executive Committee in her great loss.

The Workers' Committee have again been represented on the Hospital Committee by Mr. F. W. Firman, Mr. H. Seaborn, and Mr. G. W. J. Cocker, and many thanks are accorded to them for the time they give to the fortnightly meetings of that Committee. An acknowledgment is made, too, of the very valuable work undertaken by the Ward Visitors, who take on the duty of visiting the wards and chatting to the patients. These visitors send in reports of conditions in the Hospital, and tell of the good work being performed by the Medical and Nursing Staffs, and the Workers' Committee would like again to offer their sincere thanks to both doctors and nurses for all they are doing for the patients.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

F. W. FIRMIN, *Chairman.*

C. A. NEWNUM, *Hon. Secretary.*

Report of the Contributory Scheme Funds' Committee

For the Year ended 31st December, 1942

The year under review has presented many obstacles, as, in addition to war-time difficulties, the Country Scheme was for the whole period without the services of a full-time organiser. Fortunately, however, the Committee were able to obtain help from Miss K. M. Wilson, a former clerk in the office of the house governor and secretary of the Hospital, and she acted very efficiently as clerk to the scheme. Shortly after the close of the year your Committee got into touch with Mr. P. H. McLean in connection with the vacancy, and he has now commenced duties as organiser, and Miss Wilson is acting as his part-time clerk. Mr. McLean has had considerable organising experience both in London and in the provinces, and it is hoped that he will soon make contact with all Honorary Local Collectors.

Many Collectors, by reason of health or other causes, have had to discontinue the splendid services which they were rendering to the Hospital and the community, and to these old friends of the Scheme and to all Collectors, not forgetting the new ones who in these busy days have come forward to fill the vacancies caused by resignations, the Committee extend their warmest thanks and gratitude.

It is with great sorrow that the Committee announce the death of the late Mr. F. C. Arthy who had served as Honorary Local Collector at Earls Colne since the inception of the Scheme in 1924. His passing is a great loss and the Committee's condolences have been extended to his daughter.

It is, indeed, a striking tribute to all Honorary Local Collectors that the revenue from the Scheme was £7,550, as compared with £6,881 for the previous year, and while it must not be forgotten that this total has been increased by the receipt of payments which owing to the illness of Mr. C. W. Longley were not collected during the preceding year, this substantial growth of income reflects great credit upon the Collectors whose work is worthy of the highest praise. The Town Scheme also made progress, and the income from both Schemes totalled £15,755; a total increase of £953 over the previous year.

Despite the ever growing costs of labour and materials, the rate of weekly payments has not yet been raised. The matter, however, is now under consideration, and it is felt that before long contributors will have to be asked to share in carrying the greater financial burden falling upon the Hospital.

For the guidance of Collectors and Contributors, especially the newcomers, the Committee once again set out the rules governing the Schemes:

1. Persons whose incomes fall within the following limits are eligible for membership of the Schemes:

Single persons, and married couples without dependants	£250 p. a.	excluding war bonuses and similar allowances.
Married Couples, with dependants	£300 p. a.	

2. A payment of 3d. weekly provides for contributor, wife, children (under sixteen if at school) and all other dependants; or single persons and their dependants. A dependant is a relative normally resident witn and wholly dependent on the contributor.

   A payment of 2d. weekly provides for single persons.

3. There is a waiting period of twelve weeks before and contributor is entitled to the privileges of the Schemes. Any arrears of contributions must be paid before the privileges of the Schemes are granted, and any person thirteen weeks in arrear loses his title to such privileges.

4. Contributors who are in benefit are entitled to free treatment at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, either as In-patients or Out-patients, and no enquiries are made into their financial circumstances. When, for adequate reasons, contributors are afforded such treatment at other hospitals, grants towards the cost thereof are made by the Schemes.

5. Payments are made on behalf of contributors receiving Service in Municipal Hospitals provided such cases be medically eligible for admission to and retention in the Essex County Hospital, but not admitted because beds be not available or for some other adequate reason.

6. Contributors wishing to receive treatment in the Essex County Hospital Private Patients' Department, are allowed a rebate of 30/- a week from the customary weekly maintenance charge of £6 6s. 0d. This privilege cannot be extended to contributors who may enter the Private Wings of other Hospitals.

7. Old Age Pensioners of 70 years of age or more need not continue their weekly payments to the Schemes as they are entitled to free treatment at the Essex County Hospital, but old age pensioners between 65 and 70 years of age must continue their payments or they will lose their title to privileges.

8. The Contributory Schemes do not accept responsibility for:

(i) Medical fees, and medical treatments such as are normally provided by general practitioners outside the Hospital.

(ii) Treatment in a Private Nursing Home.

(iii) Tuberculosis, Mental Cases, Infectious Diseases, Normal Maternity Cases, and Chronic, Incurable and Senile Cases.

(iv) War Disabilities for which the Ministry of Pensions is responsible.

(v) Injuries received in motor accidents which fall within the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts, and cases within the provisions of the Public Health Acts, or other enactments.

Finally the Committee in again congratulating Collectors on their great achievement, look forward with confidence to the continuance with unabated vigour of their great work during 1943.

Organiser : P. H. McLEAN, A.C.C.S.,
"Speedwell", 31, King Harold Road,
Colchester.

Telephone : COLCHESTER 2425.

30th June, 1943.

SUGGESTIONS

The Hospital can turn to good account oddments in Metal of all kinds, clean Wastepaper and Cardboard, used Gramophone Records, clean Bottles, etc., etc.

VEGETABLES FOR VICTORY

Grow an extra row to help feed the Hospital family — patients and staff some 400 ! !

ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL

COLCHESTER

LADIES' LINEN LEAGUE.

President :

Mrs. Charles J. Round.

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Hon. Secretaries :

Colchester—

Mrs. C. W. Denton, Marylands, Colchester.
Mrs. T. A. Ogilvie, 3, Fitzwalter Road, Colchester.
(All subscriptions and donations from the Borough should be sent to Mrs. Ogilvie).

County—

Mrs. Atkinson, Mistley Hall, Manningtree.
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Mrs. C. E. Maturin-Baird, Langham Hall, Langham.
Miss Sibyl Round, Cross House, Layer-de-la-Haye.

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Lady Gurney Benham.
Mrs. H. Everett.
Dame Catherine Hunt, D.B.E.
Miss Louisa Jones.
Mrs. McMullen.
Miss M. M. Sparling.
Miss M. R. Walford.
The Matron of the Hospital (*ex-officio*).

Report, 1942.

It is with pleasure that the Committee of the Ladies' Linen League can report that in spite of all difficulties the receipts for the year 1942 show an increase of about £40. 0s. 0d. Naturally the same happy state of affairs cannot be reported with regard to the gifts of linen, etc., which have decreased from 1,427 articles in 1941 to 411 in the past year. With the increase in rationed goods and the prices now pertaining this is understandable.

The Committee would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Bird for the sum of £9. 10s. 0d. raised by means of a Whist Drive at Shrub End; to Mrs. McMullen for £6. 2s. 4d. the proceeds of a "Bring and Buy" sale at Goldhanger, and to Mrs. Gilmour for the sum of £3. 4s. 0d. representing the proceeds of a special effort which she

organised in Alresford. Special efforts of this kind are particularly welcome as the calls on Linen League Funds increase. The work of the Hospital grows ever heavier and replacements of linen more and more costly.

The accounts also reveal an enormous increase under the heading of purchase of linen—£685. 0s. 0d. as compared with £161. 0s. 0d. during the previous year. As already suggested there is a three-fold cause for this rise in expenditure, namely, the continued decreased gifts in kind and consequent necessity of making larger purchases, the soaring prices of the articles which the League has had to buy, and the greater quantity of linen needed as a result of the expansion of the Hospital's work for the sick and injured. Indeed, so great were the Hospital's needs that your President was forced to make a further request to the Committee of Management for a grant of £150. 0s. 0d. to enable those needs to be satisfied, and despite this grant and a balance of £280. 0s. 0d. at the beginning of the year, the accounts closed with a balance in hand of only £49. 0s. 0d. It cannot, therefore, be too strongly emphasized that now gifts of linen are almost unprocurable, personal donations and monies raised by whist drives, dances, and other entertainments are most urgently needed by the Linen League Funds. There is every indication that the requirements of the Hospital during the year 1943 will be very substantial, and the small balance of £49. 0s. 0d. must be addded to quickly and considerably if the future is to be faced with confidence.

It is with deep regret that the death is recorded of Mrs. James Hines, an Honorary Vice-President of the League since 1916, and for many years a member of the Committee and a most generous benefactress to the Hospital in many ways.

Although at the present time the Committee can no longer boast that the Linen League funds are able to meet the needs of the Hospital in this department, yet the members of the League feel proud of the result of yet another year's work in these most difficult days.

On behalf of the Committee,

Sylvia Round.

President.

5th May, 1943.

LADIES' LINEN LEAGUE for Year ended 31st December, 1942.

Dr. RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
TO SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—			
Mrs. Olgivie	118	3	0
Mrs. Atkinson	43	3	6
Mrs. Gibson	45	5	5
Mrs. Maturin-Baird	30	3	6
Miss Round	54	19	3
	291	14	8
,, Mrs. Gilmour, Church Farm, Alresford, special effort	3	4	0
,, Proceeds of Whist Drive at Shrub End, per Mrs. Bird	9	10	0
,, Proceeds of Bring and Buy Sale at Goldhanger, per Mrs. McMullen	6	2	4
,, Grant from General Fund	150	0	0
	460	11	0
,, Cash at Bank, 1st January, 1942 ...	274	2	2
	£734	13	2

PAYMENTS. Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Purchases of Sheeting, Blankets, Towelling, etc.	685	7	3
,, Cheque Book		5	0
,, Cash at Bank, 31st December, 1942	49	0	11
	£734	13	2

We have examined the Ladies' Linen League Account with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify that it is in accordance therewith,

8, West Stockwell Street, Colchester.
15th April, 1943.

BENSUSAN-BUTT, EVES & Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

Essex County Hospital, Colchester.

LADIES' LINEN LEAGUE.

The object of the League is to provide the Hospital with Household Linen, Sheets, Blankets, Pillow Cases, etc.

RULES.

1.—The League shall consist of Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Vice-Presidents and Associates, Hon Secretary (or Secretaries), and Hon. Treasurer. From these an Executive Committee will be appointed of which the Matron will be an *ex-officio* member.

2.—Vice-Presidents shall undertake to find not less than six Associates and to send in two articles of linen with a subscription of 2/6 a year.

3.—Vice-Presidents by payment of £1/1/- annually shall be exempt from the responsibility of Rule 2 and become Honorary Vice-Presidents.

4. Each Associate shall undertake to send to her Vice-President two articles of linen and a subscription of 1/- a year.

5.—A General Meeting of the League to be held once a year at the Hospital.

6.—(*For Vice-Presidents only*). Subscriptions and Donations to be collected and sent in by the Vice-Presidents to the Hon. Secretaries or Treasurer, on or before May 15th. All contributions of linen to be sent direct to the Matron, Essex County Hospital, also on or before May 15th in each year.

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To the Benevolent
when making their Wills.

But for the thoughtful generosity of deceased friends the Hospital must long since have closed its doors. Please remember the Essex County Hospital in your Will, and by thus adding your name to its List of Benefactors the useful and beneficial work of the Institution will be maintained in future years.

Those who have already made a Will are earnestly invited to make a Codicil.

Information as to the wording of the clause in your Will or of a Codicil thereto is, if desired, obtainable from the House Governor and Secretary.

If your annual subscription for the current year has not yet been paid would you kindly forward it NOW.

The Hospital would thus be saved the expense of applying for it later.

The kind indulgence of all contributors and friends is sought in the issue this year, as a war-time measure, of an abridged and restricted number of Reports. If further information should be desired, this will be supplied upon application to the House Governor and Secretary.